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FACTS ABOUT: Recycling

GARRETT COUNTY RECYCLING

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Waste Diversion Rate

- ▶ For calendar year 2013, 56.39% recycling rate + 1% source reduction credit = 57.39% Waste Diversion Rate.

Residential Program

Drop-off

- ▶ The County has established 7 refuse & recycling sites in the County serving approximately 12,969 households. Six of the seven sites are also white goods drop-off sites.
- ▶ White goods, mixed metal, glass bottles and jars, #1 plastic (PETE) and #2 plastic (HDPE), office paper, magazines, aluminum cans, electronics, newspaper, cardboard, telephone books, fluorescent lamps, bulbs & Non-PCB ballasts, oil & anti-freeze and oil & transmission filters are accepted at the landfill. Tires, brush and yard waste are accepted at the landfill location *only* for a fee.
- ▶ The Grantsville, Bumble Bee, Kings Run, Landfill, Garrett Highway and 135 sites accept oil & anti-freeze, and oil & transmission filters from residents.
- ▶ The Grantsville, Kings Run, Landfill, Bumble Bee and Garrett Highway site accept # 2 plastic and #1 plastic.
- ▶ Magazines & office paper are accepted at the Landfill, Bumble Bee, Grantsville, Kings Run and Garrett Highway refuse & recycling sites.
- ▶ Cardboard is accepted at all 7 refuse & recycling sites.
- ▶ Electronics are accepted at the Bumble Bee, Landfill, Kings Run, Grantsville and Garrett Highway refuse & recycling sites.

Processing/Marketing

- ▶ Glass, aluminum cans, mixed metals, magazines, office paper, #1 and #2 plastic, cardboard, and newsprint are transported directly to market from county collection sites. The County bids out these materials on a monthly basis.



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- ▶ Electronics are transported directly to market from county collection sites. These materials are bid out on a yearly basis.
- ▶ Several local scrap dealers operate buy-back centers for aluminum cans and other various metals.

Yard Trimmings

- ▶ The county is rural, and yard debris is managed on site.
- ▶ A local farmer takes leaves from individuals for land application or mulching. She also contracts with several towns to remove leaves by vacuum truck.
- ▶ The County composts leaves and yard debris at the landfill.

Other Materials

- ▶ The recycling office sponsors yearly Christmas tree recycling events at the landfill.
- ▶ Inkjet and laser printer cartridges, cell phones and aluminum pop tabs can be dropped off for recycling at all 7 refuse & recycling sites.
- ▶ Freezers, refrigerators, air conditioners & dehumidifiers are collected for a fee at the landfill.

Household Hazardous Waste

- ▶ The County currently does not have a household hazardous waste collection program, but continues to research funding sources and possible partnerships with Local, County or State affiliates.

Electronics

- ▶ The Bumble Bee, Grantsville, King Run, Landfill and Weber's sites accept electronics for recycling.

Commercial Program

- ▶ The County is working to promote the collection of old corrugated cardboard, newspaper, magazines, and office paper from commercial companies.
- ▶ The County ordinance requires documentation of recycling tonnages from businesses and processors.
- ▶ Advance Auto in Oakland will accept all types of batteries (including household) for recycling.
- ▶ Lowe's in Oakland will accept compact fluorescent bulbs (CFL's) for recycling.
- ▶ The County examines commercial loads dumped at the landfill to identify large sources of recyclables. The County works with these companies to get the materials recycled.

Public Buildings

- ▶ County offices recycle office paper, magazines, cardboard, telephone books, newspaper, glass, #1 and #2 plastic, electronics and aluminum cans.
- ▶ County Public Schools (including Garrett College) recycle assorted office paper, magazines, cardboard, newspaper, aluminum cans and #1 and #2 plastic.



Procurement

- ▶ All County Departments are encouraged to practice waste reduction and recycling.
- ▶ The Procurement Department is encouraged to procure recycled products that contain at least 10% recycled content (including janitorial paper).

Public Education & Outreach

- ▶ The County's Recycling Coordinator continues to promote recycling and solid waste education to elementary and secondary schools and offers literature and "teacher-tools" to support ongoing environmental education.
- ▶ Recycling presentations and landfill "tours" are made available to all school groups and community/ civic organizations
- ▶ Local media are used to recognize business and community groups' recycling success.
- ▶ The Recycling Division has created a brochure on recycling and proper disposal in the County.
- ▶ Recycling education programs are ongoing at all County refuse & recycling sites.
- ▶ The Recycling Coordinator works with local businesses to promote commercial recycling.
- ▶ The Recycling Coordinator organizes several annual source reduction booths at the Garrett County Fairgrounds Event Center and additional venues.

Ordinances

- ▶ A County ordinance requires all junkyards (including the landfill) to file a registration form yearly with the County Licensing Department.

Disposal

- ▶ Garrett County Department of Solid Waste Disposal & Recycling Facility's current tipping fee is \$45.00/ton.
- ▶ Resident/Homeowner Refuse Permits are \$50.00/year for each vehicle.
- ▶ There are special fees for stumps, tires and appliances.

Financing/Budget

- ▶ The recycling program is financed through a combination of revenues generated from the sale of the recycled materials, the sale of residential refuse permits, tipping fees at the landfill, and general fund tax revenues.

